

Pulp Fiction

Science Fiction & Fantasy Bestsellers

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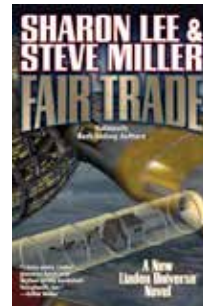
Liaden Universe 24

Sharon Lee & Steve Miller

Jethri Gobelyn has risen far: from despised youngest on a Terran family Loop ship to second trader on premier Liaden tradeship *Elthoria* under the guidance of his unlikely foster-mother Norn ven'Deelin Clan Ixin. Master Trader ven'Deelin has taught Jethri much, and she expects great things from him. Indeed, one might say she demands them. Jethri has inherited a mission from his father, a plan that will allow family Loop ships like the one he grew up on to survive the encroachment of Rostov's Dust. In this, he's backed by several prominent Looper families who are scheduled to meet and plan at the South Axis Trade Fair. In what seems to be a fortunate pairing of missions, Master Trader ven'Deelin sees Jethri become lead trader on his own small ship, which is scheduled to arrive at the South Axis Fair. Unfortunately, that 'fortunate coincidence' may instead be a test of Jethri's loyalties, as he's thrust into a tangle of grey-trading, mistaken identity, misinformation, and galactic politics...

A new Liaden novel is *always* an excellent thing!

Space opera | HC | \$55.00



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Amongst Our Weapons

PC Grant 09

Ben Aaronovitch

The ninth novel of the bestselling Rivers of London urban fantasy series returns to the adventures of Peter Grant – detective and apprentice wizard – as he solves magical crimes in the city of London. There is a world hidden underneath this great city. The London Silver Vaults – for well over a century, the largest collection of silver for sale in the world. It has more locks than the Bank of England and more cameras than a paparazzi convention. Not somewhere you can murder someone and vanish without a trace – only that's what happened. The disappearing act, the reports of a blinding flash of light, and memory loss amongst the witnesses all make this a case for Detective Constable Peter Grant and the Special Assessment Unit. But what he doesn't know is that he's about to encounter something – and somebody – that nobody ever expects... (The Spanish Inquisition, perhaps? Nobody ever expects the Spanish Inquisition! Just sayin'!)

Urban fantasy | TP | \$32.99



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Small Magics

Kate Daniels collection

Ilona Andrews

An 'irresistible' (according to the publisher's blurb!) compilation of five previously-published stories by the bestselling author of the Kate Daniels series; including Kate's very first meeting with Saiman, some related adventures, two unforgettable 'outside' excursions, and new material from both Curran and Jim's point of view. One for the fans – of whom, there are many! If paranormal/urban fantasy is your thing – then you really need to acquaint yourself with the husband-and-wife writing team that are 'Ilona Andrews'.

Paranormal romance | TP | \$32.95



3

The Kaiju Preservation Society

John Scalzi

They're big, they're bad, and they're about to become extinct... Jamie's dream was to hit the big time at a New York tech start-up. Jamie's reality was a humiliating layoff, then a low-wage job as a takeaway delivery driver. During a pandemic too. Things look beyond grim, until a chance delivery to an old acquaintance. Tom has an urgent vacancy on his team: the pay is great and Jamie has debts – it's a no-brainer choice. Yet, once again, reality fails to match expectations. Only... this time, it could be fatal. It seems Tom's 'animal rights organisation' is way more than it appears. The animals aren't even on Earth – or not our Earth, anyway. In an alternate dimension, massive dinosaur-like creatures roam a tropical, human-free world. And although Kaiju are their universe's largest and most dangerous animal, they need support to survive. Tom's 'Kaiju Preservation Society' wants to help. However, others want to profit. Unless they're stopped, the walls between our worlds could fall – and the consequences would be devastating. Scalzi. Fabulous.

Science fiction | TP | \$32.99



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One Foot in the Fade

Fetch Phillips 03

Luke Arnold

Welcome back to the streets of Sunder City, a darkly imagined world perfect for readers of Ben Aaronovitch and Jim Butcher. In a city that lost its magic, an angel falls in a downtown street. His wings are feathered, whole – undeniably magical – the man clearly flew, because he left one hell of a mess when he plummeted into the sidewalk. But what sent him up? What brought him down? And will the answers help Fetch bring the magic back for good? Working alongside necromancers, genies, and shadowy secret societies, through the wildest forests and dingiest dive bars, this case will leave its mark on Fetch's body, his soul, and the fate of the world. Great feedback on this series by the Oz actor and writer – start with *The Last Smile in Sunder City* (PBK, \$22.99)

Fantasy | PBK | \$22.99



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Artifact Space

Arcana Imperii duology

Miles Cameron

'Now I've read *Artifact Space*, I know what it's really going to be like serving aboard an armed interstellar merchant ship, with a smart lead character as my companion. Can't wait for part two.' – *Peter F Hamilton*. Out in the darkness of space, something is targeting the Greatships. With their vast cargo holds and a crew that could fill a city, the Greatships are the lifeblood of human occupied space, transporting an unimaginable volume – and value – of goods from City, the greatest human orbital, all the way to Tradeport at the other, to trade for xenoglas with an unknowable alien species. It has always been Marca Nbaro's dream to achieve the near impossible: escape her upbringing and venture into space. All it took, to make her way onto the crew of the Greatship *Athens* was thousands of hours in simulators, dedication, and pawning or selling every scrap of her old life in order to forge a new one. But though she's made her way onboard with faked papers, leaving her old life – and scandals – behind isn't so easy. She may have just combined all the dangers of her former life, with all the perils of the new... 'I loved Nbaro. I loved her crew. I loved their ship, the *Athens*, and I loved every page of this book. Miles has done something extraordinary here, fusing space adventure and war-time camaraderie with gritty, day-to-day detail in a way that makes the future feel like history in the best way possible.' – *Nicholas Eames*.

Now in paperback.

Space opera | PBK | \$22.99



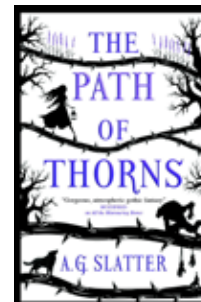
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The Path of Thorns

A G Slatter

A lush and twisted dark fairy tale suffused with witchcraft, dark secrets, and bitter revenge from the award-winning author. Exquisite, haunting and at times brutal, readers of Naomi Novik and Erin Morgenstern will be entranced. Asher Todd comes to live with the mysterious Morwood family as a governess to their children. Asher knows little about being a governess but she is skilled in botany and hercraft, and perhaps more than that. And she has secrets of her own, dark and terrible – and Morwood is a house that eats secrets. With a monstrous revenge in mind, Asher plans to make it choke. However, she becomes fond of her charges, of the people of the Tarn, and she begins to wonder if she will be able to execute her plan – and who will suffer most if she does. But as the ghosts of her past become harder to control, Asher realises she has no choice. From the award-winning Brisbane author of *All the Murmuring Bones* (PBK, \$22.99), dark magic, retribution and twisted family secrets combine to weave a bewitching and addictive tale. Recommended! Signed copies are available.

Fantasy | PBK | \$24.99



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The Galaxy and the Ground Within

Wayfarers 04

Becky Chambers

The finale to the award-winning Wayfarers series by Becky Chambers, author of the beloved *The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet* (PBK, \$22.99). When a freak technological failure halts traffic to and from the planet Gora, three strangers are thrown together unexpectedly, with seemingly nothing to do but wait. Pei is a cargo runner at a personal crossroads, torn between her duty to her people, and her duty to herself. Roveg is an exiled artist, with a deeply urgent, and longed for, family appointment to keep. Speaker has never been far from her twin but now must endure the unendurable: separation. Under the care of Ouloo, an enterprising alien, and Tupo, her occasionally helpful child, the trio are compelled to confront where they've been, where they might go, and what they might be to one another. Together, they will discover that even in the vastness of space, they're not alone. 'A quietly profound, humane *tour de force*' – *Guardian*. Now in paperback.

Space opera | PBK | \$22.99



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Carnival

Firefly 06

Una McCormack

Neapolis: a desert city on planet Bethel where all manner of entertainment can be found: high-stakes gambling, luxurious hotels, exclusive clubs and any form of diversion imaginable may be had for a price. It's the eve of the annual carnival: three days of decadent revelry, and *Serenity* arrives to take a security job, guarding a costly shipment. Tragedy strikes: the shipment is stolen, and the wealthy owner kidnaps Zoë and Book, holding them to ransom for the lost shipment's value.

If Mal can't find the enormous sum of five hundred platinum by the next evening, both of them will be killed. As the carnival begins the crew must attempt the impossible, calling on contacts, calling in favours, and revealing hidden talents to save their crewmates' lives. Meanwhile, the hostages have their own plans...

Firefly | HC | \$35.00



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Quantum of Nightmares

New Management 02

Charles Stross

A unique blend of espionage thrills and Lovecraftian horror, Hugo Award-winning author Charles Stross' Laundry Files continues with *Quantum of Nightmares*. It's a brave, new Britain under the New Management. The avuncular Prime Minister is an ancient eldritch god of unimaginable power. Crime is plummeting as almost every offense is punishable by death. And everywhere you look, there are people with strange powers, some of which they can control, and some, not so much.

Hyperorganised and formidable, Eve Starkey defeated her boss, the louche magical adept and billionaire Rupert de Montfort Bigge, in a supernatural duel to the death. Now, she's in charge of the Bigge Corporation – just in time to discover the lethal trap Rupert set for her long ago. Wendy Deere's transhuman abilities have gotten her through many a scrape. Now she's gainfully employed investigating unauthorised supernatural shenanigans. She swore to herself she wouldn't again get entangled with Eve Starkey's bohemian brother Imp and his crew of transhuman misfits. Yeah, right. Mary Macandless has powers of her own. Right now she's pretending to be a nanny in order to kidnap the children of a pair of famous, Government-authorised superheroes. These children have powers of their own, and Mary Macandless is in way over her head. Amanda Sullivan is the HR manager of a minor grocery chain, much oppressed by her glossy blonde boss – who is cooking up an appalling, extra-legal scheme literally involving human flesh. All of these stories will come together, with world-bending results... Fabulous! Start with *The Atrocity Archives* (PBK, \$22.99)

Urban fantasy | HC | \$45.00



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